

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING THE 15 YEARS OF SERVICE OF THE TAHOE TRUCK- EE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

#### HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation for 15 years of service to the community. The Foundation began with a generous gift of one million dollars from William Hewlett, co-founder of Hewlett Packard. It was his vision and commitment that challenged other individuals to dedicate time and resources to help promote philanthropy. Today, more than 3,000 donors have distributed millions of dollars to local nonprofits, improving the quality of life in this historic and beautiful region.

The Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation has awarded more than \$20 million in grants to the community. The most recent project, the Community House, opens this fall and will serve as a long-term community wellness center. The House will provide a variety of services including professional counseling and enrichment classes to help individuals become more self-reliant.

It is the initiative of private citizens to improve the quality of life for all that has earned the Foundation national recognition by the Council on Foundations as one of the top community organizations in the entire nation. This honor attests to the vibrancy of the group and the importance of the Foundation's deeds.

As John Adams put it, the success of this organization is the "result of good heads prompted by good hearts." May the good hearts of the many donors and volunteers continue to make the name of the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation a beacon for all those in need and an enduring example for those who work to make our cities, states, and the nation better for all. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize and thank the Foundation for its years of service to our community.

### IN RECOGNITION OF C. WAITMAN TAYLOR AND HIS CAREER IN SERVICE TO OWENSBORO, KEN- TUCKY

#### HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of C. Waitman Taylor, Jr. Born and raised in Lewisport, Kentucky, Waitman has continued the Taylor family legacy by serving Hancock and Daviess Counties in a variety of ways.

Waitman is retiring as Executive Director of Owensboro Health's Foundation for Health. Nearly 86 years old, Waitman has over 60

years in the workforce along with serving in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a captain of the U.S. Air Force reserves in 1966. The list of titles and duties are long, but his distinguished career is truly one to be acknowledged.

Waitman has served in his current role since 2002. Prior to that, Waitman served as an industry official at institutions such as L.R. Chapman Inc., General Electric Co. and Texas Gas Transmission. He was also elected Mayor of Owensboro, a position he held from 1972–1976, after serving as Mayor Pro-Tem for two years.

Waitman's roles go beyond industry and elected office. Waitman served in numerous board positions for the University of Louisville, Murray State University and 30 years with Brescia University receiving honorary doctorate in 1976. Waitman's list of community and fundraising activities are equally as impressive, serving in a variety of leadership positions at the Owensboro-Daviess County Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Owensboro-Daviess County Industrial Foundation, Junior Achievement, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport and Industry Inc., now known as Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corp. Waitman was the co-founder and chairman of Community Foundation of Owensboro-Daviess County. And he was a member of the first Leadership Kentucky class in 1985.

It should come as no surprise that Waitman's achievements have been recognized with numerous awards. In 1958, Waitman was named Owensboro's Outstanding Young Man. Hancock County Historical Society named him Historian of the Year in 2012. In January 2013, when the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 100th birthday they named Waitman as their Chamber Member of the Century.

Quoted in Owensboro's Messenger Inquirer, Waitman said, "Looking back, if I had retired at 65, I wouldn't have met and worked with all these wonderful people in the last 21 years." I can tell you that sentiment is shared. It has been a true pleasure working with Waitman and I join the people of Kentucky's Second District in thanking him for his contributions. Please accept my best wishes and blessings for Waitman and his family.

### A TRIBUTE TO JAMES WATTS

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise, along with my colleague Representative STEVEN PALAZZO, to honor James Watts for his many years of service to the community. Born in 1919 in McComb, Mississippi, Mr. Watts has dedicated his career to public service. His children and stepchildren have followed in their parent's footsteps and have been leaders in their own right throughout the United States.

During World War II, Mr. Watts defended his country by tracking German submarines as a member of the United States Coast Guard. Later, in civilian life, he would go on to hold executive board positions in both the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of America organizations.

Mr. Watts' passion for volunteerism speaks volumes about his character. While he lived in Grand Junction, Colorado, he volunteered as an EMT and then a paramedic for what is now St. Mary's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Grand Junction, Colorado. Upon relocation to Gulfport, Mississippi, Mr. Watts taught CPR and First Aid for the American Red Cross and various organizations around the country, which is a testament to his devotion to the well-being of the communities he has visited.

Perhaps one of his biggest accomplishments was in 1956 while he worked for the Atomic Energy Commission. As a mine safety engineer in New Mexico, Mr. Watts noticed a uranium boom town of more than 10,000 residents who were living without access to a local hospital for emergency services. With ambition and selflessness, he took it upon himself to spearhead organization efforts for the creation of Cibola General Hospital, which has been committed to serving the medical needs of the community since 1959. Ever since, patients continue to be saved, the critically ill continue to be treated, and 24-hour emergency care is still available to the community.

Now at 94 years old, Mr. Watts resides with his wife, Barbara, in Gulfport, Mississippi. Although he is retired, the organizations and community projects developed under his leadership are still in operation today. I believe Mr. Watts' life is a great example of generosity and devotion to the greater good of society. We can all learn from Mr. Watt's inspiring story of public service. I join my colleagues in recognizing and thanking Mr. Watts for his life of service. We wish him, his wife Barbara, and their children Susan, Rick, Jane, Danette, and Paul all the best in their future endeavors and thank them for continuing their father's legacy of noble service to the community.

### RECOGNIZING BRYON MAZADE'S NINETEEN YEARS AS CITY MAN- AGER OF MUSKEGON

#### HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bryon Mazade and his over 19 years of commendable service to Muskegon, Michigan as their city manager.

Bryon grew up in Muskegon and graduated from Reeths-Puffer High School. After earning a Master's in Public Administration from Western Michigan University, Bryon stayed in West Michigan to serve his community. He quickly

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